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REMARKS

These remarks are in response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2005, which had a shortened statutory period for response set to expire February 16, 2006. Applicant filed a response to the Office Action on April 17, 2006, along with a two-month extension of time. Therefore, no extension fee is due for this supplemental amendment.

Claims

Claims 1-12, 14-28, 30-44, and 46-54 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-12, 14-28, 30-44, and 46-54 are rejected over prior art. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-8, 10, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 22-24, 26, 28, 30, 31, 50, and 53 are amended, and Claims 55-59 are added. Claims 16, 32, 48, 49, 51, and 52 are canceled. Claims 3, 5, 9, 11, 19, 21, 25, 27, 33-44, 46, 47, and 54 remain as filed or previously presented. Reconsideration is requested.

Examiner Interviews

A telephone interview was held on May 17, 2006 between Examiner Raquel Alvarez and Applicant's attorney Larry Henneman. Examiner Alvarez indicated that the third-party verification aspect of Applicant's invention was allowable over the prior art of record, and invited Mr. Henneman to submit proposed claims directed to this aspect of the invention. In a subsequent telephone interview on June 6, 2006, between the same parties, Examiner Alvarez and Mr. Henneman agreed that the amendments set forth herein distinguish over the prior art of record. Applicant understands that Examiner Alvarez will perform an updated search.

The claims are amended herein to expedite the allowance of a patent covering the agreed upon subject matter. The amendments of the claims is without prejudice and is not an admission with respect to the propriety of any of the outstanding rejections.

Applicant much appreciates the constructive assistance of the Examiner provided during the prosecution of this application.

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For the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes that Claims 1-12, 14-15, 17-28, 30-31, 33-44, 46-47, 50, and 53-59 are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner undertake any action other than allowance of Claims 1-12, 14-15, 17-28, 30-31, 33-44, 46-47, 50, and 53-59, or if the Examiner has any questions or suggestions for expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's attorney at (269) 279-8820.

Respectfully submitted,

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